GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the neighbouring country, China has made any statement in trilateral meeting held with regard to India's permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which India's claim is going to be strengthened by this and the details of the hurdles caused by other countries in this matter; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) Yes. In the Joint CommuniquÃ© issued at the end of the meeting of Foreign Ministers of China, India and Russia in Harbin (China) on October 24, 2007, the Foreign Ministers of China and Russia inter-alia, "reiterated that their countries attach importance to the status of India in international affairs, and understand and support India's aspirations to play a greater role in the United Nations".

(c) & (d) There continues to be wide support for India's candidature for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. The Government continue to make active efforts, including discussions with various countries and participation in the debates on Security Council reform at the United Nations, to mobilise further support for India's candidature.